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### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs with replacement paragraphs as indicated below. The replacement paragraphs include markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

Please replace paragraph [0052] with replacement paragraph [0052] below:

**[0052]** Figures 11-16 illustrate another preferred embodiment of the present strap tension indicator. The indicator mounts a strap (~~not shown~~) 33 to a rigid frame member 34 of a brace (not shown). With reference to Figure 11, the frame member includes first and second spaced apertures 108. Fastening members 110 extend through the apertures 108 from a first side 112 (preferably facing toward the wearer) of the rigid frame member 34. The fastening members 110 may comprise, for example, rivets or bolts.

Please replace paragraph [0059] with replacement paragraph [0059] below:

**[0059]** The strap tab 130 and strap tab cap 114 together provide two indicator positions for indicating strap tension. In use, a strap (~~not shown~~) 33 is secured to the longer parallel side 150 of the strap tab 130. Tension in the strap 33 pulls the strap tab 130 toward the second position with a force F, counteracting the force in the resilient member 146 that tends to push the strap tab 130 back toward the first position. By properly selecting a spring rate for the resilient member 146, the strap tab 130 moves to the second position only when the strap 33 is under the desired amount of tension. When the strap tab 130 moves to the second position, the displaced tab 134 exposes the colored portion 148 on the rigid frame member 34, thereby indicating that the strap is under the desired amount of tension.